

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
WACO DIVISION**

SCRAMOGE TECHNOLOGY LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

APPLE INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 6:21-cv-00579-ADA

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

Pursuant to Rule 16, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court ORDERS that the following schedule will govern deadlines up to and including the trial of this matter:

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Item</b>
September 7, 2021	Plaintiff serves preliminary <sup>1</sup> infringement contentions in the form of a chart setting forth where in the accused product(s) each element of the asserted claim(s) are found. Plaintiff shall also identify the earliest priority date (i.e. the earliest date of invention) for each asserted claim and produce: (1) all documents evidencing conception and reduction to practice for each claimed invention, and (2) a copy of the file history for each patent in suit.

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<sup>1</sup> The parties may amend preliminary infringement contentions and preliminary invalidity contentions without leave of court so long as counsel certifies that it undertook reasonable efforts to prepare its preliminary contentions and the amendment is based on material identified after those preliminary contentions were served, and should do so seasonably upon identifying any such material. Any amendment to add patent claims requires leave of court so that the Court can address any scheduling issues.

Deadline	Item
September 27, 2021	<p>The Parties shall submit an agreed Scheduling Order. If the parties cannot agree, the parties shall submit a separate Joint Motion for entry of each Order briefly setting forth their respective positions on items where they cannot agree.</p> <p>Absent agreement of the parties, the Plaintiff shall be responsible for the timely submission of this and other Joint filings.</p>
November 12, 2021	<p>Defendant serves preliminary invalidity contentions in the form of (1) a chart setting forth where in the prior art references each element of the asserted claim(s) are found, (2) an identification of any limitations the Defendant contends are indefinite or lack written description under section 112, and (3) an identification of any claims the Defendant contends are directed to ineligible subject matter under section 101. Defendant shall also produce (1) all prior art referenced in the invalidity contentions and (2) technical documents, including software where applicable, sufficient to show the operation of the accused product(s).</p>
November 24, 2021	Parties exchange claim terms for construction.
December 8, 2021	Parties exchange proposed claim constructions.
December 15, 2021	<p>Parties disclose extrinsic evidence. The parties shall disclose any extrinsic evidence, including the identity of any expert witness they may rely upon with respect to claim construction or indefiniteness. With respect to any expert identified, the parties shall identify the scope of the topics for the witness's expected testimony.<sup>2</sup> With respect to items of extrinsic evidence, the parties shall identify each such item by production number or produce a copy of any such item if not previously produced.</p>
December 21, 2021	Deadline to meet and confer to narrow terms in dispute and exchange revised list of terms/constructions.
January 7, 2022	Defendant files Opening claim construction brief, including any arguments that any claim terms are indefinite.
January 28, 2022	Plaintiff files Responsive claim construction brief.
February 11, 2022	Defendant files Reply claim construction brief.

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<sup>2</sup> Any party may utilize a rebuttal expert in response to a brief where expert testimony is relied upon by the other party.

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Item</b>
February 25, 2022	Plaintiff files a Sur-Reply claim construction brief.
February 28, 2022	Parties submit Joint Claim Construction Statement.
February 28, 2022	Parties submit optional technical tutorials to the Court and technical advisor (if appointed).
March 8, 2022	Markman Hearing, 9:00 a.m.
March 9, 2022	Fact Discovery opens; deadline to serve Initial Disclosures per Rule 26(a).
April 5, 2022	Deadline to add parties.
April 19, 2022	Deadline to serve Final Infringement and Invalidity Contentions. After this date, leave of Court is required for any amendment to Infringement or Invalidity contentions. This deadline does not relieve the Parties of their obligation to seasonably amend if new information is identified after initial contentions.
June 14, 2022	Deadline to amend pleadings. A motion is not required unless the amendment adds patents or patent claims. (Note: This includes amendments in response to a 12(c) motion.)
August 19, 2022	Deadline for the first of two meet and confers to discuss significantly narrowing the number of claims asserted and the prior art references at issues. Unless the parties agree to the narrowing, they are ordered to contact the Court's Law Clerk to arrange a teleconference with the Court to resolve the disputed issues.
September 13, 2022	Close of Fact Discovery.
September 23, 2022	Opening Expert Reports.
October 28, 2022	Rebuttal Expert Reports.
November 18, 2022	Close of Expert Discovery.
November 22, 2022	Deadline for the second of two meet and confers to discuss narrowing the number of claims asserted and prior art references at issue to triable limits. To the extent it helps the parties determine these limits, the parties are encouraged to contact the Court's Law Clerk for an estimate of the amount of trial time anticipated per side. The parties shall file a Joint Report within 5 business days regarding the results of the meet and confer.

Deadline	Item
December 6, 2022	Dispositive motion deadline and <i>Daubert</i> motion deadline.
December 20, 2022	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations).
January 10, 2023	Serve objections to pretrial disclosures/rebuttal disclosures.
January 24, 2023	Serve objections to rebuttal disclosures and file Motions <i>in limine</i> .
February 7, 2023	File Joint Pretrial Order and Pretrial Submissions (jury instructions, exhibits lists, witness lists, discovery and deposition designations); file oppositions to motions <i>in limine</i>
February 10, 2023	File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting. If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Kristie Davis at kmdaviscsr@yahoo.com.  Deadline to meet and confer regarding remaining objections and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .
3 business days before Final Pretrial Conference.	File joint notice identifying remaining objections to pretrial disclosures and disputes on motions <i>in limine</i> .
	Final Pretrial Conference. The Court expects to set the Final Pretrial Conference within 2-4 weeks of the trial date. The Court expects to set this date at the conclusion of the <i>Markman</i> Hearing.
	Jury Selection/Trial. The Court expects to set this date at the conclusion of the <i>Markman</i> Hearing.

SIGNED this 28th day of September, 2021.



ALAN D ALBRIGHT  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE